



ADMINISTRATION OF RUSSIAN PROPERTIES ORDINANCE, No. 31 OF 1926.

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The first day of September, One thousand  
nine hundred and twenty-six.

# GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE.

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An Ordinance to provide for the Administration  
of the Properties of certain Russian  
Associations in Palestine.

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WHEREAS the Associations known as the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission and the Palestine Orthodox Society are in possession of Religious buildings, hostels and other immovable properties in Palestine, and, pending the settlement of the legal status of the said Associations and their representatives in Palestine, it is necessary to arrange for the administration of the said properties;

AND WHEREAS by Orders dated the 28th day of November, 1924, the High Commissioner appointed the District Commissioners of the Jerusalem-Jaffa and Northern Districts to be administrators of the properties in their respective Districts, which were in the possession of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission and the Palestine Orthodox Society, and by an Order dated the 11th day of May, 1925, the High Commissioner varied the said Orders and appointed the District Commissioner of the Jerusalem-Jaffa District to be administrator of all the properties of the said Associations in Palestine, and it is desirable to confirm the powers vested by the Orders of the High Commissioner and make further provision for the administration;

BE IT ENACTED by the High Commissioner for Palestine, with the advice of the Advisory Council thereof:-

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Administration of Russian Properties Ordinance, 1926. Short title.

2. (1) The High Commissioner may from time to time appoint any officer of the Government to be the Administrator of all or part of the properties which are in the possession of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission and the Palestine Orthodox Society, in whatever name the said may be registered; and may from time to time vary, or revoke any such appointment. Appointment of Administrators of properties.

Validation of  
Orders appoint-  
ing Adminis-  
trators.

(2) The Orders dated 28th November, 1924, appointing the District Commissioners of the Jerusalem-Jaffa District and the Northern District as Administrators of the properties in the possession of the said Associations within those Districts respectively, and the Order dated 11th May, 1925, varying the same, shall be deemed always to have been valid and of full effect until varied or superseded, and all acts done thereunder shall be deemed to be valid.

Duty of Adminis-  
trator.

3. Every Administrator appointed under this Ordinance shall receive the rents or revenues of any properties of which he is the Administrator, and shall do any act, matter, or thing with reference to the properties which may be necessary in due course of administration. Provided that no sale, mortgage, lease for a period exceeding one year, or other disposition of any of the properties shall be effected by him save by the written direction of the High Commissioner.

Application of  
revenues.

4. (1) The revenues of the properties which were in the possession of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission and the Palestine Orthodox Society, and any balance in respect of previous revenues which may come to the hands of the Administrator shall, after payment of the necessary expenses for the maintenance of the properties, be employed subject to any directions given by the High Commissioner, for the purposes for which the said Associations were established as set forth in the Instructions to the Head of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Jerusalem and the Statutes of the Palestine Orthodox Society; and in particular for the maintenance of Russian Orthodox churches and Institutions and for the relief and support of Russian Orthodox religious persons resident in Palestine and pilgrims.

(2) Any sums which may remain in the hands of the Administrator after such payment shall be held or invested by him subject to the direction of the High Commissioner.

1st September, 1926.

PLUMER. F. M.  
*High Commissioner.*